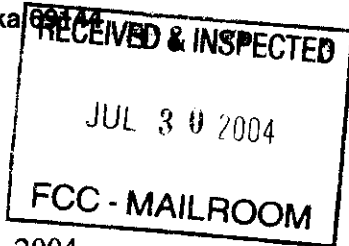


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9300 E Hampton Dr
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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

RE: Safety Net Additive Support Qualification, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary:

Please accept this as written notice that Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company, Study Area Code 371567, is seeking to qualify for safety net additive support, pursuant to Section 36.605 of the Commission's rules. This qualification is based on an increase of at least 14% in per loop telecommunications plant in service (TPIS) between 2003 and 2002. Written notice is simultaneously being provided to Ms. Irene Flannery of the Universal Service Administrative Company. Further, this notice is being provided in conjunction with the carriers' annual data submission to the National Exchange Carrier Association.

Please direct all correspondence to this filing to the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Hoff
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